

ROCKFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT UPDATE

Incident Information:

Business Name: Cuploa Foundation Apartments

Address of Incident: 424 Gramercy Ct. #6

Date of Incident: February 27, 2014

Time of Incident: 1815

Type of Incident: Residential Structure Fire

Cause of Fire: Undetermined

Estimated Loss: \$18,000.00

Injury Data:

Civilian Injuries: 0
Civilian Deaths: 1

Fire Department Response:

Engine(s): 3 Ladder(s): 1 District Chief(s): 2
Quint(s): 1 Ambulance(s): 1 Haz Mat Unit(s): 0
Boat(s): 0 Diver(s): 5

Total Firefighters: 22 **Response Time:** 4 min

Narrative:

The Rockford Fire Department was dispatched to the address listed above for a reported apartment fire. Neighbors stated they heard the smoke detector from the involved apartment, saw flames in the window, and called 911 to report the fire.

When fire crews first arrived they found light smoke at the front door of the apartment. Fire personnel had to force entry into the apartment where they found a small fire contained to the living room of the apartment. Crews extinguished the fire within six minutes of their arrival. The apartment was ventilated and a search for potential victims resulted in the discovery of a badly burned and obviously deceased victim in a chair in the apartment's living room.

Investigators from both the Rockford Fire Department and Winnebago County Coroner's Office were called to the scene. Fire investigators have not yet determined a cause for the fire and coroner's office personnel will complete an autopsy to determine the cause of death and identity of the victim.

Damage to the multi-family building was contained to the one apartment.

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